

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to a Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, Applicants elected claims 7-9 drawn to a polymer admixture. Claims 1-6 and 10-13 were withdrawn from consideration on the merits as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 7-9 and new claims 14-23 are drawn to the elected invention. Applicants submit that the examination of non-elected claims 11-13 would impose no burden on the Examiner since all the recited features of elected claim 14 are included in claims 11-13.

Support for the new claims may be found throughout the specification. For example, note pages 5, 10 and the original claims. No new matter is believed to have been added.

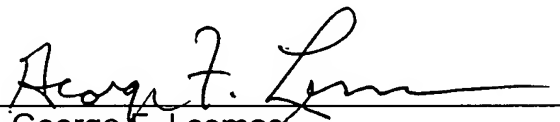
If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683.

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